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Mr. Chairman and committee members, I am Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). I am here in support of Senate Bill 60.

The Alternative Livestock Advisory Council was statutorily established in 1995 as a means of addressing issues associated with the numerous alternative livestock operations in Montana. Over the years, the number of facilities has significantly diminished from 85 in 2000, to 78 in 2003, and then 61 in 2008. As of 2012, there were 39 licensed alternative livestock facilities in Montana, with approximately 970 animals held in 24 active facilities. Also during that time, the Alternative Livestock Council met at greater and greater intervals. Meetings were held up until 2002 and then not again until 2008. There has not been a meeting since. Because the number of facilities has reduced significantly, the critical issues surrounding alternative livestock facilities have passed, and the Council has not met in almost five years, FWP stands in support SB 60.